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SUBJECT: TEXTILES - UK IMPORT POLICY

GENEVA FOR PHELAN

1. ECONOMIST ARTICLE JULY 19 ON UK TEXTILE INDUSTRY RAISES SEVERAL QUESTIONS FOR USG. ARTICLE STATES IN PART THAT QUOTE (UK) INDUSTRY'S LONG BATTLE TO SET A CEILING ON IMPORTS IS BEGINNING TO SUCCEED. IT WILL BE HELPED FROM NOW ON BY THE LOWER LEVEL OF IMPORTS ALLOWED INTO MOST EEC COUNTRIES. UNQUOTE. ELSEWHERE, ARTICLE STATES QUOTE EEC IS DEALING TOUGHLY WITH LOW-COST IMPORTS; IT HAS JUST IMPOSED DUTIES ON CERTAIN TEXTILE GOODS FROM PORTUGAL. UNQUOTE.

2. WE ARE MOST CONCERNED BY STATEMENT THAT UK TEXTILE  
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INDUSTRY WILL BE QUOTE HELPED FROM NOW ON BY THE LOWER

LEVEL OF IMPORTS ALLOWED INTO MOST EEC COUNTRIES UNQUOTE.  
OUR READING OF THE MFA IS THAT IMPORTING, RESTRAINING  
COUNTRIES (INCLUDING THE EEC AND ITS MEMBER STATES) ARE  
OBLIGED TO INCREASE MARKET ACCESS AND NOT REPEAT NOT LOWER  
THE IMPORT LEVELS.

3. SECONDLY, WE ARE DISTURBED BY ECONOMIST STATEMENT THAT

EEC HAS JUST IMPOSED DUTIES ON TEXTILE GOODS FROM  
PORTUGAL. THIS, IF TRUE, FLIES IN THE FACE OF THE MFA  
SPIRIT AND COULD BE CONSTRUED AS BEING AKIN TO THE  
AUSTRALIAN ACTIONS AGAINST WHICH THE EEC WAS AT SUCH  
PAINS TO PROTEST. DEPARTMENT WOULD BE MOST INTERESTED  
IN USEC REPORT ON ANY EEC TEXTILE TARIFF ACTIONS,  
ESPECIALLY AGAINST AN MFA SIGNATORY SUCH AS PORTUGAL.

4. FINALLY, ECONOMIST ARTICLE STATES UK TEXTILE  
INDUSTRY WOULD LIKE SOME QUOTE RULES TIGHENED AGAINST  
RICH EXPORTING COUNTRIES AS WELL, UNQUOTE, MEANING THE  
US. UK TEXTILE OFFICIALS ARE AWARE THAT RESTRAINTS  
ACTIONS TAKEN UNDER MFA APPLY ONLY TO QUOTE LOW COST  
UNQUOTE TEXTILE IMPORTS, AND US EXPORTS TO UK ARE NOT  
REPEAT NOT LOW COST. ANY RESTRICTIVE ACTION CONTEMPLATED  
BY UK AGAINST SUCH US EXPORTS WOULD DOUBTLESS BE VIEWED  
WITH GREAT CONCERN BY USG. KISSINGER

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